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SUBJECT: CHIAO KUAN-HUA APPOINTED FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: PEKING 1835

1. PRC CONFIRMED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE DATED
NOVEMBER 15 THAT VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA
HAS BEEN APPOINTED FOREIGN MINISTER SUCCEEDING CHI PENG-FEI.

2. COMMENT: CHIAO'S APPOINTMENT SIMPLY CONFIRMS WHAT
HAS BEEN THE "DE FACTO" SITUATION FOR SOME TIME. CHI HAS
APPEARED INFREQUENTLY IN RECENT MONTHS, AND WHEN WE LAST
SAW HIM AT THE ALGERIAN NATIONAL DAY HE DID NOT LOOK WELL.
AS NOTED REFTEL, FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTOCOL OFFICER IN RECENT
CONVERSATION LISTED CHIAO AHEAD OF CHI WHEN NAMING SENIOR
MINISTRY OFFICIALS. ALTHOUGH WE ANTICIPATE CHIAO WILL
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CONTINUE HIS PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF WEST EUROPEAN

AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS, QUESTION ARISES AS TO WHO WILL
ACTUALLY FILL VICE MINISTER'S SLOT FOR THIS AREA. EARLIER
SPECULATION HAD WANG HAI-JUNG MOVING INTO THIS FIELD, AND
SHE HAS BEEN PRESENT FOR ALL OUR SENIOR LEVEL MEETINGS.
IF SHE DOES TAKE OVER, IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE IF
SHE BECOMES ANY MORE ARTICULATE THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE
IN THE PAST. SHE HAS HARDLY OPENED HER MOUTH IN OUR CONTACTS
WITH HER.
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